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SUBJECT: STAG JOHN HUTCHINSON

FOR: ASSISTANT SECRETARY DONALD EASUM FROM
HUTCHINSON
NEW DELHI PASS HUTCHINSON

1. WILL BE WINDING UP STAG TOUR IN NEW DELHI JULY 23.
2. HAVE RECEIVED NOTE FROM PM HAROLD WILSON'S OFFICE INDICATING INTEREST IN RECEIVING A MEMORANDUM ON RHODESIA.
3. BEFORE LEAVING FOR RHODESIA LAST TIME, MET WITH NIGERIAN, KENYAN AND TANZANIAN AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON. THE FIRST SAID HE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT GEN. GOWON GIVE ME INTERVIEW. THE THIRD SAID HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO FACILITATE MEETING WITH FONMIN OR SUBSTITUTE IN DAR ES SALAAM. THE SECOND PROMISED NOTHING BUT WAS FRIENDLY WHEN I MET WITH HIM AFTER RETURNING FROM RHODESIA. HAVE VISAS FOR ALL THREE.
4. ALSO MET WITH ZAMBIAN CHARGE WHO THOUGH CORDIAL SAID THAT AUTHORITY FOR VISA MUST COME FROM LUSAKA WHEN TALKS ABOUT RHODESIA INVOLVED.
5. WHEN I WAS INVITED TO RHODESIA SECOND TIME BY AFRICAN NATIONAL COUNCIL IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT I WOULD GO ON TO TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, KENYA AND NIGERIA TO DISCUSS ANC AND ALLIED MATTERS.

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6. WOULD LIKE TO DO SO NOW, AFTER WINDING UP IN NEW DELHI,

AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY ASSISTANCE YOU COULD GIVE.
I WOULD OF COURSE BE HAPPY TO PERFORM ANY SPEAKING CHORES SUCH
AS ON THIS TRIP TO JUSTIFY YOUR ACTION. I EXPECT TO BE RECEIVING
UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FROM RHODESIA ON ARRIVAL IN DELHI.

THIS TOGETHER WITH VISITTOAFRICAN STATES WOULD HOPEFULLY PROVIDE
USEFUL ADVICE TO BOTH PM WILSON AND DEPARTMENT. I DON'T OF
COURSE HAVE TO GO TO ALL FOUR STATES--KENYA AND NIGERIA WOULD
BE HELPFUL ALONE.

6. HAVE TRAVEL VOUCHER FOR DOLS. 265.25 LEFT OVER FROM RHODESIA
WHICH I CAN CONTRIBUTE TO COST OF REROUTING WHICH, WITH VERY
LIMITED PER DIEM, SHOULD NOT AMOUNT TO MUCH. SINCE FURTHER
RHODESIAN ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED AND SINCE MEMO TO WILSON
MIGHT BENEFIT ALL SIDES, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP.

7. BEST PERSONAL WISHES, WHATEVER BEFALLS. I AM GRATEFUL FOR
YOUR PAST COURTESY JOHN HUTCHINSON.
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